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Fricke Named Information Officer for State Agencies

Lansing – Michigan Department of Information Technology (MDIT) Director Teri Takai is pleased to announce the selection of James Fricke as the new Information Officer serving Michigan State Police (MSP), Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs (DMVA), and Michigan Child Support Enforcement System (MICSES). Formerly the Project Director for MICSES, Fricke's new assignment is effective immediately.

As Information Officer, Fricke will serve as a member of the MDIT Deputy Director's management team, working as the MDIT connection to three client agencies. Fricke will plan and implement an overall strategic approach with the partner agencies, focusing on client agency business drivers, service level agreements and business plans. Fricke will be accountable for providing administrative direction and support systems and will ultimately assure information technology service delivery is provided to the client agencies' satisfaction.

As Director of MICSES, Fricke was responsible for the statewide implementation, maintenance and support of the federally mandated, automated child support enforcement system. The system attained federal certification in November 2003, averting \$147 million in potential federal penalties. A state employee since October 1978, he has held other state positions with the Family Independence Agency, Michigan Women's Commission, and Department of Civil Rights.

Fricke holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from Western Michigan University and a Master of Science Degree from Eastern Michigan University. He resides in Haslett.